

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF Elmdale, Upsala and St. Francis : MARY & THE SAINTS ACC

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St. Edward's, Elmdale St. Mary's, Upsala St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis

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Please update the office if your phone or address changes.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Saturday: St. Edward: 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Sunday: St. Francis: 7:30 am - 7:45 am

St. Mary: 9:30 am - 9:45 am

PRAYER LINES

Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363 (SM)
Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728(SF)
Sally Schleper 573-2127 (SE)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion can be brought to you or a loved one at home. Please contact the Central Office if needed.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples need to begin preparations with Fr. Jimmy nine months in advance and must call him before setting the marriage date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office before the desired date.



Confirmation

April 9th at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Hedwig's
All Choir Members: Come sing with us! Please
arrive at 6:00 p.m. for practice. All are welcome.

All Saints

Mason (Hubert) Breth son of Melvin & Jolene
Jaden (Valentine) Ebnert son of Jason & Tracy
Devon (George) Engebretson son of Russell & Carla
Broden (Hyacinth) Gustafson son of Jeffrey & Christina
Joshua (Joseph) Klaphake son of Joel & Jessica
Mason (Joseph) Lichy son of Duane & Angie
Olivia (Lucy) Meyer daughter of Peter & Kathleen
Wyatt (Hubert) Pilarski son of John & Amy
Dalton (David) Posch son of Scott & Chelsea
Elizabeth (Thérèse) Throener daughter of Adrian & Roseanne
Christopher (Sebastian) Wentland son of Joshua & Susan
Gavin (Samson) Winter son of Cody & Sara

St. Anna

Marcus (Brigid) Gerads son of Timothy & Karey
Logan (Andrew) Hoheisel son of Jake & Tanya
Gabriel (Francis) St. Marie son of Steven & Jennifer
Alexander (Hubert) Symanietz son of Gregory & Rebecca

St. Wendel

Josie (Rose) Dingmann daughter of Ryan & Dana
Emma (Monica) Gertken daughter of Leslie & Stephanie
Isabel (Gianna) Heitzman daughter of Louis & Wanda
Bradley (James) Revermann son of Joshua & Jennifer

Elmdale

Paul (Isidore) Blonigen son of Patrick & Kristine

St. Francis

Austin (Sebastian) Klein son of Daniel & Brenda
Luke (Joseph) Wuebkers son of Kevin & Janice

Upsala

Hannah (Elizabeth) Heesen daughter of Stephen & Amanda
Jake (Hubert) Leners son of Jamie & Jennifer
Courtney (Catherine) Roske daughter of Randy & Donna

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

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Saturday 4/5		The Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Margaret Carlson	EM of HC: Jim Wensmann, Julie Wensmann c, Karla Schneider c, Lector: Jeff Czech, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: Jeron Wensmann & Jim Czeck, Greeters: Megan Wensmann & Volunteer, Gifts: Steve & Kathy Blonigen
Sunday 4/6		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Herbert Gerads ~Gerads Family	EM of HC: Rebecca Schmidt, Colleen Harren c, Brittany Harren c, Lector: Jim Scholz, Servers: Emmalyn, Carter & Brayden Harren Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Mark & Barb Moorman
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the people	EM of HC: LeAnn Beneke, Cindy Koehn c, Renee Scholz c, Lector: Chantelle Frie, Servers: Alayna Weber & Lauryn Weber, Ushers: Bob Blonigen & Mikel Nelson, Greeters: Randy & Jane Tretter, Gifts: Jamie & Jenny Leners, Bank Deposit: Judy Michels

Weekday Masses

Monday, 4/7	
6:30 p.m. St. Mary	Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday, 4/8	<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>
6:00 p.m. St. Mary	In Thanksgiving ~ Jim & Mary Koczur
Wednesday, 4/9	<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Deceased Relatives of the Thell & Freihammer Family ~ Roger & Kathy Thell
Thursday, 4/10	<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>
8:00 a.m. St. Edward	† Emily (Klepaida) Troje
Friday, 4/11	<i>*Stations of the Cross following Mass</i>
7:30 a.m. St. Mary	† Carol Koopmeiners ~Lorene Koopmeiners



Adoration
2nd Tuesdays:
 St. Francis 8am -7pm
Thursdays:
 St. Mary's 12 noon - 9 pm.
First Fridays
 St. Edward's 12 noon-9 pm

Pray for us: Jim Negen, Raymond Kurowski, Florence Kurowski, Pat Euteneuer, Roger Thell, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Kathy Hennek, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Millie Gerads, Marlene Vornbrock, Jim Koczur, Gary Larson, Helen Heisick, Geraldine George, Dee Booth, William Hill, Lorraine Frie, Rose Burg, Pat Harren, Rosemary Pundsack, Kevin Lampert, Ron Schmidt & Dave Scholz

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 4/12		Palm Sunday
4:00 p.m. St. Edward	† Arnie Molus	EM of HC: Joan Theisen, Jerry Theisen c, Jackie Oldakowski c, Lector: Tracey Hartung & Bill Boser, Servers: Isaac Harren & Jacob Hartung, Ushers: John Kokett & Raymond Kokett, Greeters: Volunteers, Gifts: Mark & Kaye Nienaber
Sunday 4/13		
8:00 a.m. St. Francis	† Cheryl Locnikar	EM of HC: Judy Theisen, Joyce Koopmeiners c, Rosanne Voss c, Lector: Barb Moorman & Mary Jane Boeckermann, Servers: Volunteers, Ushers: Bob Theisen & Craig Voss, Gifts: Kurt & Jackie Goebel
10:00 a.m. St. Mary	For the People	EM of HC: Lisa Zabinski, Jon Leither c, Jan Kilian c, Lector: Kim Koehn & Leonice Prokott, Servers: Beau Ripplinger & Anne Ripplinger, Ushers: Matt & Rhonda Ripplinger, Greeters: Nathan & Laura Ripplinger, Gifts: Mikel & Julie Nelson, Bank Deposit: Tom Kilian

Serra Calendar Pray for our Priests- April 12th: Fr. Gregory Mastey & April 16th: pray for Fr. Jimmy Joseph

All Cluster News

Religious Education

K-6: Reba Leither (leitherreba@gmail.com) (701) 426-1607

7-10: Randi Klasen (randiklasen@gmail.com) (320) 493-5624

Confirmation: Bob Vouk (320) 249-3398, Jenny Revermann (320) 249-9939, Confirmation Assistant: Katie Urbanski confirmation@tworiverscatholic.com

April 9th

Grades K-6: Home Lesson, Second Grade: Review 5/6

Grades 7-10: 7pm. Class

Confirmation: 7pm. Confirmation at All Saints-St. Hedwig's

Children's Liturgy

We are having Children's Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Mary's. If interested in joining in contact Chelsea Fuchs:fuchschelsea92@gmail.com.

For Our Graduates

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded from each parish to a student who is graduating from a public or private high school in 2025 and who intends to continue their education at a university or technical college. Deadline to apply is April 18th. The scholarship application is available from Jayne Glaser at the Upsala High School or in the gather space of each of our churches. Please contact the Parish Office with questions.

Easter Triduum is coming!

Thank you to those are our Holy Week readers! Anyone who would like to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday can sign-up in the entry of church or Parish Office.

Whole families are welcome to volunteer!

Holy Saturday Wine & Cheese Celebration

Please gather with us after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 19th at St. Edward's. Everyone welcome to come celebrate!

Come spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration!

We are looking for more adorers who would like to commit to a specific hour every week at St. Mary's. Please contact Jim: 229-2898. "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity." – St. Mother Teresa

Sign - up now for Totus Tuus! It is the week of July 6th-11th at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Contact Shanna Dobmeier 733-0761, shannamaryd@gmail.com. You can find registration forms on our website or in the entry of our churches.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH

St. Edward: \$200

St. Francis: \$405

St. Mary: \$805

Sign-up for Online Contributions by filling out a form on our website or by contacting the Parish Office to have a form mailed or emailed to you.

WEEKEND COLLECTION 3/30/2025

St. Edward: Adult: \$1,112, Loose: \$208, Votive: \$46, Easter Flowers: \$70, **Total: \$1,436**

St. Francis: Adult: \$655, Loose: \$24, Catholic Relief: \$25, **Total: \$704**

St. Mary: Adult: \$1,254, Loose: \$383.85, Catholic Relief: \$8 **Total: \$1,645.85**

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH • 18TH ANNUAL



FREE - WILL OFFERING

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC CHURCH • ELMDALE, MN
8550 State Highway-238, Bowlus, MN 56314

DINNER IS SERVED, 4:30-7:30 P.M.

• TAKE OUT AVAILABLE •

St. Mary's Fish Fry and Raffle

On Friday, April 11th we will serve from 4-8:00 p.m. with the Cash Raffle Drawing at 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$18, Ages 5-12: \$8, 4 & under: FREE.

Journey with Jesus to Calvary

Wed., April 9th-7:00 p.m., Fri., April 11th-7:30 p.m., Sat., April 12th -7:30 p.m. and Sun., April 13th -1:00 p.m. There is no charge-Jesus already paid the price!

St. Edward's News

St. Edward's Spaghetti Supper

Sign-up Sheet to help with the Spaghetti Supper is on the table in the entry of church. We'll need Kitchen help, Set-up, & Clean-up. Bars, cookies and cakes can be brought to the basement that day. We have posters printed and on the entry table if you'd like to help deliver them to businesses. Thank you!

St. Mary's News

St. Mary's Fish Fry

St. Mary's Parishioners: please sign-up to help! Last year we served 460! Preparation Day is Thursday, April 10th starting at 4:00 p.m. until finished The day of the fish fry, shifts are 4-6:30 and 6:30-9:00 p.m. To sign-up, please call or text Laura Ripplinger 333-9184 or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk. We would also like each family to bring bars or cookies for the event. (Please bring them on Thursday or Friday). Thank you for your help!

News and Events



**Knights of Columbus
St. Gregory Council
Grand Knight Jeff Czech
(320) 630-2753**

Meeting: Our next meeting will be on April 8th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Edward's Church. Note date change.

Divine Mercy Novena Schedule

April 2025

- 18th - St. Edward, Elmdale after 3pm Good Friday Service
- 19th - St. Mary, Upsala at 4pm
- 20th - Holy Cross, North Prairie after Easter Mass
- 21st - St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus at 7pm
- 22nd - St. Mary, Upsala after 6pm Mass
- 23rd - St. Edward, Elmdale at 7pm
- 24th - Holy Cross, North Prairie at 7pm
- 25th - St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus at 7:30 pm
- 26th - St. Edward, Elmdale after 4pm Mass

Catholic United Financial and St Joseph Council are holding a Matching Grant Fund -Raiser breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13th serving: Ham, sausage, pancakes with toppings, eggs and fresh baked caramel rolls. Serving at All Saints - St Mary's church basement from 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Free will offering with the proceeds going to All Saints Faith Formation.

Pro-Life Rosary

Join us outside and inside of All Saints-St. Mary's to pray for Life. We will meet at 4-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 8th.

Confirmation Choir Rehearsal All choir members from our parishes are invited and encouraged to come and sing for Confirmation on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 at All Saints - St. Hedwig's Church in Holdingford. We will have a rehearsal beginning at 6:00 p.m. at All Saints - St. Hedwig's Church. All are Welcome! Any questions or concerns, please give me a call. Lois Schmit (320)746-2603.



Lenten Campaign

Closing Rally: Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m.-Noon at planned Parenthood then proceed to St. Augustine Church (422 2nd St SE, St. Cloud) for a light lunch and program. Our parishes have

signed up on Thursdays for the hours 1-7:00 p.m. Please contact: Marilou Sommers 320-247-9838, Judy at 320-453-7592 <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

Men's Group: Every Saturday Need some support and inspiration? Our men's group meets at 8:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Basement.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: April 12th

Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford. Contact: Janel at (320) 290-2877.

Tenebrae - A Tradition at St. Mary's Cathedral Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Good Friday, April 18, at 8:00 p.m. for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. At this event, participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in the church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. This is a family event and all are welcome.

Palm Sunday:

April 12th, 4:00 p.m., St. Edward,
April 13th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis &
10:00 a.m., St. Mary

Holy Thursday:

April 17th, 6:00 p.m., St. Mary
8:00 p.m., St. Francis

Good Friday:

April 18th, 12 noon, St. Mary
3:00 p.m., St. Edward

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:

April 19th, 8:30 p.m., St. Edward

Easter Sunday:

April 20th, 8:00 a.m., St. Francis
10:00 a.m., St. Mary

Confirmation

April 9th
All Saints-St. Hedwig's
7:00 p.m.



Chrism Mass

April 10th
St. Mary's Cathedral
7:00 p.m.



**KNIGHTS
OF
COLUMBUS**

St. Isidore Council No. 9307
Holdingford, Minnesota

**CHICKEN &
HAM DINNER**

**PELICAN LAKE BALLROOM
St. Anna, Minnesota**

Sunday, April 6th

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Advance Tickets: \$14.00
At Door:
Adults \$15.00
Children Ages 5-12 \$10.00
Under 4 Free

- TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE -